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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND RADAR SPEED ENFORCEMENT
50TH STREET WEST BETWEEN AVENUE K AND AVENUE N
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 45-mph speed limit on 50th Street West, between Avenue K and Avenue L, Quartz Hill community (Supervisory District 5).
2. Rescind a traffic regulation order establishing a 50-mph speed limit on 50th Street West, between Avenue M-8 and Avenue N, as adopted on October 8, 1996, Quartz Hill community (Supervisory District 5).
3. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 45-mph speed limit on 50th Street West, between Avenue M-8 and Avenue N, Quartz Hill community (Supervisory District 5).
4. Adopt an Order instructing the Director of Public Works to coordinate with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to implement radar speed enforcement on 50th Street West between Avenue K and Avenue N in the unincorporated County community of Quartz Hill (Supervisory District 5).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Our engineering investigation revealed the adoption and rescission of these speed limit traffic regulations will improve traffic safety and enhance traffic flow.

The residents of the unincorporated County community of Quartz Hill, as well as the CHP, are concerned about public safety in pursuing speeders with conventional speed enforcement measures and requested the use of radar speed enforcement on these routes.

High-speed surveillance and pursuit expose the offender, law enforcement personnel, and the general public to increased accident potential. The use of radar will significantly reduce accident potential.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence, as implementation of these actions will address traffic operations and safety concerns of residents and motorists. In addition, radar enforcement significantly reduces speeding and accident potential caused by high-speed surveillance and pursuit.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget to cover the minor costs of removing and installing the necessary signs and markings. All expenses associated with the use of radar equipment and patrols will be borne by the CHP. The purpose for recommending adoption of this Order is solely to provide the CHP with Board authorization to implement radar for speed enforcement on 50th Street West between the aforementioned limits.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The California Vehicle Code authorizes your Board to implement these traffic regulations, which are required prior to enforcement by the California Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Department.

On March 31, 1987, your Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the CHP for the expanded use of radar enforcement within the unincorporated County territory. The Memorandum of Understanding was revised and approved as an Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the CHP by your Board on

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October 5, 1993. A key provision of the Agreement requires the use of radar on any additional routes be subject to mutual approval by the County of Los Angeles and the CHP. The proposed recommendation for the use of radar on this route is in conformance with this provision of the 1993 Agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The establishment of these regulations and radar enforcement, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, is categorically exempt under Class I-(x)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

At such time as this recommendation may be adopted, please return one copy of this adopted letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel